IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1 and 8.

A complete listing of the Claims and their present status is as follows:

1. (currently amended) A manually held bagel scoop removing excess dough from a piece of a food product goods comprising:

a longitudinally extending handle having a stem portion extending therefrom, said stem portion having a concave closed combined blade and scoop structure at a distal end thereof,

said concave closed combined blade, ~~and~~ said scoop structure and said handle each having a downward curvature,

said concave closed combined blade and scoop structure having a downward facing closed recess formed by a closed bowl shaped wall forming a round hollow head container used to both scrape and remove excess dough rearward from an inner core of a bagel,

said shallow elliptical spoon-shaped concave closed combined blade and scoop structure scooping rearwardly and removing excess residue from an inner core of the food product,

said scoop having a first curvature of concavity of a first arc radius,

said stem having a second curvature of concavity of a second arc radius and said handle having a third curvature of concavity of a third arc radius,

wherein, starting from said scraper, continuing to said handle and further continuing to said stem portion and terminating at the distal end of said scoop structure, no inflection points are encountered as a combined curvature

shape of said first, second and third curvatures is constantly concave,

wherein further, a tangent to a right side center of said handle is at a right angle to a tangent to a top of said scoop structure.

2. (currently amended)The manually held bagel scoop as in Claim 1 wherein an outer distal end of said concave combined blade and scoop structure is serrated with teeth scraping and scooping of the food product residue, said teeth being located a leading edge of said concave closed combined blade and scoop structure.

3. (currently amended) The manually held bagel scoop as in Claim 1 further comprising an auxiliary scraper being provided at an opposite end of said manually held bagel scoop.

4. (currently amended) The manually held bagel scoop as in Claim 1 wherein said closed concave combined blade and scoop structure is shallow elliptical spoon-shaped.

5. (currently amended) The manually held bagel scoop as in Claim 1 wherein said closed concave combined blade and scoop structure extends in a downward curvature from a longitudinally extending axis of said handle.

6. (currently amended) The manually held bagel scoop as in Claim 3 wherein said auxiliary scraper provides a resting area for the lateral portion of the user's palm when operating said manually held bagel scoop.

7. (currently amended) The manually held bagel scoop as in Claim 1 wherein the food product is a sliced toroidal baked bagel.

8. (currently amended) A manually held bagel scoop removing excess dough from a sliced toroidal bagel food product comprising:

a longitudinally extending handle having a stem portion extending therefrom, said stem portion having a concave shallow elliptical spoon-shaped closed combined blade and scoop structure at a distal end thereof, said concave shallow elliptical spoon-shaped closed combined blade and scoop structure; ~~and~~ said scoop structure and said handle each having a downward curvature,

said closed concave combined blade and scoop structure extending downward substantially perpendicular in a downward curvature from a longitudinally extending axis of said handle;

said concave shallow elliptical spoon-shaped closed combined blade and scoop structure scooping and removing excess residue from an inner core of the bagel food product;

an outer distal end of said concave combined blade and scoop structure being serrated with teeth, said teeth scraping and scooping the bagel food product residue, said teeth being located a leading edge of said concave shallow elliptical spoon-shaped closed combined blade and scoop structure; ~~and,~~

an auxiliary scraper being provided at an opposite end of said bagel scoop; said auxiliary scraper provides a resting area for the lateral portion of the user's palm when operating said manually held bagel scoop

said scoop having a first curvature of concavity of a first arc radius,

said stem having a second curvature of concavity of a second arc radius and said handle having a third curvature of concavity of a third arc radius,

wherein, starting from said handle and continuing to said stem portion and terminating at the distal end of said scoop structure, no inflection points are encountered as a combined curvature shape of said first, second and third curvatures is constantly concave,

wherein further, a tangent to a right side center of said handle is at a right angle to a tangent to a top of said scoop structure.

9. (currently amended) The manually held scoop as in Claim 8 wherein said closed bowl shaped wall extends substantially perpendicular off of a longitudinal axis of said handle.